GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3398
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PULSE POLIO DRIVE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Impotance rumour hits polio drive` appearing in `The Hindustan Times` dated November 29, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government is aware of the false rumour among certain sections of the community about polio drops causing impotency which are baseless and malicious. Both the Central and State Governments, UNICEF as also NGOs are taking necessary IEC measures to dispel this misgiving.